

participation in our community has made a difference to thousands of people, especially our youth.

HONORING SABRINA MORALES, PRISCILLA KING, LAKEITHA LYLES, AND DIANA EDOUARD FOR WINNING THE HONORING OUR FUTURE LEADERS COMPETITION

### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge four students in my district, Sabrina Morales, Priscilla King, Lakeitha Lyles, and Diana Edouard, from Wyandanch Memorial High School.

These students will receive the Honoring Our Future Leaders Award on February 27, 2010. To win this award, they wrote their own rendition of the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am proud to honor Sabrina, Priscilla, Lakeitha, and Diana for their academic and personal achievements and congratulate them upon the receipt of this prestigious award.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I was absent from votes on Monday, February 22, 2010. The House considered two bills under suspension of the rules. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" for rollcall 49 and "yea" for rollcall 50.

### COMMEMORATION OF TAIWAN'S "2-28 MASSACRE"

### HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 63th commemoration of Taiwan's "2-28 Massacre." In the Fall of 1945, 50 years of Japanese occupation of Taiwan ended with World War II. The United Nations gave administrative control of Taiwan to the Chinese Nationalist Party. After more than a year, the Taiwanese people were frustrated by the corruption and economic mismanagement that seemed to plague the party.

On February 28, 1947, an elderly woman was arrested and beaten. A group of Taiwanese confronted the Chinese troops responsible. One of the Taiwanese was shot, riots raged, and Chinese soldiers gunned down thousands of unarmed civilians.

During the following days, government troops arrived from mainland China. The Chinese soldiers began capturing and executing leading Taiwanese lawyers, doctors, students, and other citizens. It is estimated more than

18,000 people lost their lives. During the following four decades, the Chinese Nationalists continued to rule Taiwan with an iron fist under Martial Law that was not lifted until 1987.

The Massacre had far reaching implications. Over the next half-century, these events helped galvanize Taiwan's struggle for independence and for its transformation from a dictatorship to a thriving and pluralistic democracy.

I urge other Members to join me in commemorating this important historical event.

HONORING KELLY WEINSENSEEL FOR WINNING THE HONORING OUR FUTURE LEADERS COMPETITION

### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mr. ISRAEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a student in my district, Kelly Weinsenseel, from West Babylon High School.

Kelly will receive the Honoring Our Future Leaders Award on February 27, 2010. To win this award, she wrote her own rendition of the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered by Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am proud to honor Kelly for her academic and personal achievements and congratulate her upon the receipt of this prestigious award.

### CORPORAL JACOB HENRY TURBETT

### HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Corporal Jacob Henry Turbett, a courageous and noble Marine, who died on February 13 at the age of 21. Corporal Turbett lost his life while bravely supporting combat operations in the Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

Corporal Turbett was a member of the Second Combat Engineer Battalion, Second Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force based in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was a 2007 graduate of Canton High School and took part in Civil Air Patrol. He came from a celebrated military family. His grandfather, cousin and two of his uncles were in the Marines. His uncle was in the Navy and his sister, Jaime Turbett, started boot camp in the Navy only ten days before her brother was killed. Corporal Turbett followed in these proud footsteps by completing tours of duty in Bangladesh and Iraq. Additionally, he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He was a hard worker, a proud and brave American, and a loving husband to his wife Crystal, whom he married in July 2008. Along with his wife and sister he is survived by his mother, Sheila, his father, Richard and his brother, Joe Marsh, who is a sheriff's deputy in Humboldt County, California.

Corporal Turbett sacrificed everything for his country in Operation Enduring Freedom. To his fellow soldiers, his family and friends, and

to everyone who knew and loved him, he was a dedicated member of his community who answered the higher calling to serve his country.

Madam Speaker, during his lifetime, Corporal Turbett enriched the lives of everyone around him by employing energy, leadership, and courage in everything he set out to do. As we bid farewell to this exceptional individual, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering and honoring his contributions and years of devoted service to his community and our country.

HONORING THE ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NATIONAL MONUMENT FOR BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERMOUNTAIN REGION'S WILDERNESS STEWARDSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

### HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, February 25, 2010*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today honor the employees of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The staff of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument has been recognized by the Intermountain Region's Wilderness Stewardship Awards Program with the top award for 2009 as true Wilderness Champions.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument covers 330,689 acres and, of that acreage, 95 percent is designated wilderness. Founded in 1937, the employees of this National Monument have continuously monitored and evaluated the land use and local environment. President Franklin D. Roosevelt preserved this land for its scenic views but also for its ecological wonders. Having been occupied by American Indians, Mexicans and Europeans the diverse history of this land makes it valuable around the globe. In addition, in 1976 the United Nations bestowed the title of International Biosphere Reserve on Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument further confirming not only its local importance, but its value internationally. Twenty-six species of cactus flourish in the harsh conditions, as well as many species of birds, lizards, bats and rodents. They all delicately coexist in this wonderful ecosystem.

Until the 1970s, this land was used for ranching and mining, making the jobs of the current staff challenging. Catching up with the damage done during these times has proven to be the stimulus for all the wonderful projects taken on by the employees at Organ Pipe. Most notable is the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument Ecological Monitoring Program. This program has been diligently working since 1997 to monitor and evaluate critical aspects of the region. From reporting changes in the ecosystem, to documenting damage to the land by neighboring developers, this program has proven vital to the stability of the National Monument, as well as to the ecosystem of Southern Arizona.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is also a vital part of the community and offers guided tours, hiking, camping, excellent birding and plenty of beautiful picnic areas. Organ Pipe also offers wonderful educational opportunities through student field trips and its